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SUBJECT: HOUSING FOR LOWER KHALIS IRRIGATION

REF: (A) BAGHDAD 66; STATE 062546; (C) BAGHDAD 539

1. REF (A) ALERTED TO FOUR MAJOR IRRIGATION PROJECTS IN IRAQ. REF(B) INDICATED US INTEREST IN HOUSING AND WORKSHOP ASPECTS OF IRRIGATION PROJECTS. REF(C) REPORTED THAT U.S. FIRM GTS COMPANY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA WAS LOW BIDDER TO BUILD 500 HOUSES AND FORTY OFFICES FOR LOWER KHALIS PROJECT--ONE OF THE FOUR MAJOR IRRIGATION PROJECTS MENTIONED REF (A).

2. USINT WAS VISITED MAY 19 BY SENIOR EXECUTIVE OF SNR M. MACDONALD AND PARTNERS, CONSULTING ENGINEERS TO GOI MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION FOR LOWER KHALIS PROJECT. EXECUTIVE INDICATED GTS COMPANY (INITIALS STAND FOR GERALD T. SULLIVAN, PRESIDENT OF FIRM) WAS SOLE TIMELY BIDDER TO CONSTRUCT REQUIRED HOUSING AND OFFICES FOR WHICH GOI HAS BUDGETED EQUIVALENT OF 35 MILLION DOLLARS. CONSTRUCTION WAS DESCRIBED AS SIMPLE AND STRAIGHT-FORWARD, IN CONSULTANT'S JUDGEMENT, EASILY PERFORMABLE IN 18 MONTHS ALLOTTED. CONSULTANTS WERE URGING GOI TO NEGOTIATE WITH GTS BUT UNLESS US FIRM COMPLIED WITH REQUESTED INFORMATION, MINISTRY WOULD BE FORCED TO REISSUE CALL FOR TENDERS. DESPITE REPEATED REQUESTS GTR HAD NOT FURNISHED
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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, BALANCE SHEETS FOR

1973 AND 74, STATEMENT OF CURRENT COMMITMENTS AND
THEIR VALUE, LIST OF PREVIOUS WORKS AND VALUE,
BANK REFERENCES.

3. CONSULTANT URGENTLY SOUGHT INDEPENDENT USG
VERIFICATION OF BODA
FIDES OF GTS SO THAT CONTRACT
NEGOTIATIONS MIGHT BEGIN AT ONCE. THIS WAS TRANSMITTED
REF (C).

4. ACTION REQUESTED: USDOC PLEASE FURNISH BRIEF
ASSESSMENT BY MAY 27 FOR TRANSMITTAL TO CONSULTANT.
INFORM GTS OF NECESSITY TO COMPLY QUICKLY WITH
CONSULTANT'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION IF FIRM WISHES
WIN CONTRACT.
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